

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

AN EXAMINATION BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE)
COMMISSION OF THE APPLICATION OF THE)
FUEL ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE OF UNION LIGHT,) CASE NO. 9175
HEAT AND POWER COMPANY FROM)
NOVEMBER 1, 1982, TO OCTOBER 31, 1984)

O R D E R

Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:056, Sections 1(11) and 1(12), the Public Service Commission ("Commission") issued its Order on November 13, 1984, scheduling a hearing to review the operation of the fuel adjustment clause of Union Light, Heat and Power Company ("ULH&P") for the past 2 years and to determine the amount of fuel cost that should be transferred (rolled in) to the base rates in order to reestablish the fuel clause charge in accordance with 807 KAR 5:056, Section 1(2).

In response to the Commission's requests for information, ULH&P proposed to use July, 1984, as the base period (test month) for the purpose of arriving at the base fuel cost [F(b)] and the KWH sales [S(b)] components of the fuel adjustment clause. However, ULH&P's witness, Mr. Albert T. Moeller, Return Analyst, recommended that the current base

fuel cost of 19.091 mills per KWH remain unchanged.¹ ULH&P provided all requested information, and following proper notice, a hearing was held on April 4, 1985.

The sole intervenor in this case was the Consumer Protection Division of the Attorney General's Office ("AG"). The AG did not offer testimony, and on cross-examination did not challenge the level of actual fuel cost included in ULH&P's monthly fuel filings, or the proposed base fuel cost of 19.091 mills per KWH.

In establishing the appropriate level of base fuel cost to be included in ULH&P's rates, the Commission must determine whether the proposed base period fuel cost per KWH is representative of the level of fuel cost currently being experienced by ULH&P. The Commission's analysis of ULH&P's monthly fuel clause filings shows that the actual fuel cost incurred for the year ended October, 1984, ranged from a low of 17.514 mills per KWH in September, 1984, to a high of 22.430 mills per KWH in January, 1984. The Commission is of the opinion that ULH&P has complied with 807 KAR 5:056, and that the base period fuel cost of 19.091 mills per KWH should be approved.

¹ Transcript of Evidence, April 4, 1985, page 8.

The Commission, having considered the evidence of record and being advised, is of the opinion and finds that:

1. ULH&P has complied in all material respects with the provisions of 807 KAR 5:056.

2. The month of July, 1984, should be used as ULH&P's base period in this proceeding.

3. ULH&P's proposed base period fuel cost of 19.091 mills per KWH should be approved.

4. The base fuel cost of 19.091 mills per KWH is the same base fuel cost currently included in ULH&P's base rates.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the charges collected by ULH&P through the fuel adjustment clause for the period November 1, 1982, through October 31, 1984, be and they hereby are approved.


IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that ULH&P's proposed base period fuel cost of 19.091 mills per KWH be and it hereby is approved.


IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the base rates included in ULH&P's tariffs currently on file with the Commission shall remain unchanged as a result of the Commission's Order in this case.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 13th day of May, 1985.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary